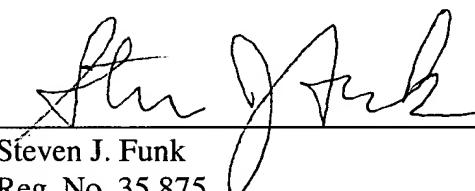


convenient paraphrasing. Such paraphrasing, however, does not change the language set forth in any of the claims, and Applicants do not understand the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance to have intended any such change. Thus, Applicants do not acquiesce to any suggestion that the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance changes the language set forth in any of the claims.

Furthermore, Applicant submits that the reasons for allowance are clear from the record of prosecution as a whole and, thus, a separate Statement of Reasons for Allowance is unnecessary in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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